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A comprehensive handbook on investigating the history of your community, family, local institutions, and cultural artifacts, this fully updated second edition provides insights on how to find and use published, unpublished, visual, and material records; collect information through interviews; connect individual investigations with broader historical issues; and use photographs, documents, and objects in a study. It is designed to be a resource for both professionally trained and self-taught historians. Chapters in the handbook are: (1) "Why Nearby History?"; (2) "What Can Be Done Nearby?"; (3) "Traces and Storytelling"; (4) "Published Documents"; (5) "Unpublished Documents"; (6) "Oral Documents"; (7) "Visual Documents"; (8) Artifacts"; (9) "Landscapes and Buildings"; (10) "Preserving Material Traces"; (11) "Research, Writing, and Leaving a Record"; and (12) "Linking the Particular and the Universal". Appendixes are: (1) "Forms to Request Information from Federal Agencies"; (2) "Sample Gift Agreements"; (3) "Sources of Archival Storage Products and Information"; and (4) "Using the World Wide Web (WWW) in Nearby History." (BT)

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